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SUBJECT: CSCE: CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES-TROOP MOVEMENTS

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1. AT JAN. 24 CAUCUS OF NATO REPS ON MILITARY SECURITY
SUBCOMMITTEE, DUTCH REP DREW ATTENTION TO RECENT PRAVDA
ARTICLE, REPORTED IN JAN. 23 INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE,
WHICH WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF NATO POSITION ON CBMS. HE
SAID THAT DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKEMAN WOULD SOON BE
MAKING STATEMENT REBUTTING THE ARTICLE AND THAT DUTCH
HOPED OTHER NATO GOVERNMENTS WOULD FOLLOW SUIT. (NONE OF
THE OTHER REPS GAVE ANY INDICATION OF WHAT, IF ANY, ACTION
THEIR AUTHORITIES MIGHT TAKE EXCEPT FOR FRG REP WHO SAID
HIS DELEGATION INTENDED TO BRIEF WEST GERMAN JOURNA-
LISTS IN GENEVA CONCERNING THE NATO POSITION ON CBMS.)
DUTCH REP WENT ON TO STATE THAT HIS DELEGATION NOW FELT
THAT ALLIES SHOULD GO SLOWER IN REVEALING TO SOVIETS
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THEIR WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE ON MOVEMENTS ISSUE

(REFTEL), LEST THEY APPEAR TO BE KNUCKLING UNDER THE TYPE OF SOVIET PRESSURING AIMED AT IN THE PRAVDA ITEM. DUTCH REP SUGGESTED THAT FOR THE PRESENT ALLIES NOT GO BEYOND INDICATING INFORMALLY, AND RATHER VAGUELY, TO SELECTED NETURAL DELEGATIONS THAT THEY WERE GIVING SOME THOUGHT TO THE NOV. 28 AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL WHICH PROVIDED FOR NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN TROOP MOVEMENTS ACROSS FRONTIERS (GENEVA 7225).

2. GREEK AND CANADIAN REPS SUPPORTED DUTCH SUGGESTION. UK REP CAUTIONED AGAINST CONVEYING IMPRESSION THAT AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALLIANCE AND REITERATED HIS DELEGATION'S PREFERENCE FOR GOING AHEAD NOW WITH THE KIND OF APPROACH TO THE SOVIETS AND NEUTRALS THAT HAD BEEN DEVELOPED AT THE JAN. 22 CAUCUS. THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO PURSUE THIS DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, AND IT IS TO BE CONTINUED AT THE NEXT CAUCUS, ON JAN. 28. ABRAMS

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